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### **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE #12 (SO12)**

**(Conflict Reduced in Mindanao and Other Areas Vulnerable to Violence)**



#### **USAID visits corn production area in Kidapawan City**

Don Clark (third from left), mission director to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Nepal, visits a corn production area in Kidapawan City, Central Mindanao to gain more information about the transition of former combatants of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) from being guerrillas to small-scale, “commercial-level” farmers. Mr. Clark, who is accompanied by USAID/Nepal senior conflict adviser Leila Abu-Gheida (fourth from right), is shown while conducting a two-day visit to the Central Mindanao to observe and study post-conflict initiatives being carried out by the USAID-assisted Livelihood Enhancement and Peace (LEAP) Program. With Mr. Clark and Ms. Abu-Gheida are MNLF commander Benjie Galo (extreme left), who heads the Patadon Corn Production Cluster and Robert Barnes (extreme right), USAID/Philippines economic growth advisor; Noel Ruiz (second from right), LEAP Program manager; and MNLF commander Datu Dima Ambil (fifth from right), chairman of the Sebangon Kutawato State Revolutionary Committee.

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